

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 9193
Kazuaki OKUNO et al.)	
Application No.: 10/573,821)	Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: March 28, 2006)	Examiner: Sheridan L. Swope

For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
&
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 16, 2010, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. Applicants petition herewith a ONE-month extension of time, extending the period of response until June 16, 2010.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

Exhibits 1-3 are attached hereto.